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As Formulate at the Meeting Held in Salt Lake on Aug. 12th—Suggested That Democrats Consider Propriety of Indicating at the State Convention Their Preference for U. S. Senators.

A meeting of the democratic territorial committee was held in Salt Lake on Monday, August 12, 1895, at which a call for a state convention was formulated as follows:

A state convention of the democratic party of Utah is hereby called to meet at the Grand Opera house, Ogden city, on Thursday, the 5th day of September, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative to the fifty-fourth congress, and candidates for the following state offices, to-wit:

Governor.

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Also, the election of a democratic state committee, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The convention shall consist of six hundred and fifty (650) delegates.

Utah county is entitled to 88 delegates.

Conventions for the nomination of candidates for district judges shall be held on Saturday the 14th day of September, 1895, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Fourth district, comprising Utah, Wasatch and Uintah counties, at Provo.

Conventions in senatorial districts comprising more than one county, shall be held on Monday, the 23rd day of September, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Utah county constitutes one senatorial district. Convention will be held at such time and place as the county committee will hereafter designate by call.

The number of delegates from each county to the judicial and senatorial conventions and for the nomination of candidates for members of the state legislature, and for such county officers as may be elective this year.

The committee suggests that the people in their county conventions, by their delegates in the state convention, consider the propriety of indicating their preference of persons to be selected by the legislature as senators from the state of Utah.

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GEORGE CHRISTY, ONE OF THE ORIGINALS OF THE SHOW.

Interesting Scrapbook Left by the Celebrated Burnt Cork Artist—A Friend of Edwin Forrest and a Talented Comedian. Negro Minstrelsy in Great Britain.

Mrs. Edwina Forrest Fair, a daughter of the famous George Christy, who established negro minstrelsy in New York in 1847, chatted with me the other day very entertainingly regarding her father's career. She gave me his old scrapbook to refer to and several excellent photographs and some old fashioned engravings.

It seems so long since the days of the Christy minstrels that I rather expected to see an older looking woman than George Christy's daughter appears to be. She is an enthusiast over her father's memory. She has another sister living, and also a brother, George Harrington, who, instead of perpetuating the family trademark, has been known chiefly through his "beefsteak dinners" at the old Morgue club.

"My father, known in private life as George N. Harrington, was a young man when he died," said Mrs. Fair. "He was only 40. He had a fine constitution, it was thought, but he wore his heart on his sleeve and put a year into every day. Being jovial, hearty and generous with every one, even his most humble employee, he was persistently sought by well known persons, and his nature could not resist the compliment he felt their companionship to be."

"One of his very particular friends was Edwin Forrest. A few days before I was born my father declared he would name his child for him. 'What if it's a girl?' asked my mother. 'Then we'll call her Edwina,' replied my father. So you see I was named beforehand. An other friend of his, my brother tells me, was Theodore Thomas, who used to black up and do 'nigger business'."

"And why not? Didn't Edwin Booth try it? It was a pity that my father did not live to make a great name as an actor in white, for he was considered a remarkable low comedian. In burlesque he used to sustain from one to half a dozen characters in a piece and exhibit wonderful versatility. He made a great hit with his Topsy in a burlesque on 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' He had a singularly sweet singing voice, and as a dancer he had few equals. He was also a contortionist and seemed blessed with every physical possibility."

"I was 18 years old when I last saw him, and that's a most impressive age for a girl. I think Billy Birch copied a few of his characteristics, and George Thelwell has given some good imitations of him, but they and such other men as Schoolcraft and Sweetnam are different in general style."

Although I think it is generally understood that the Christy minstrels were the originators of that sort of entertainment, individual negro delineation was done as far back as 1799, at the Federal Street theater, in Boston.

The first idea of minstrelsy in its present shape, or before Mr. Haverly introduced his "Minstrelsy," came forth in the spring of 1841, for one night only, at the Chatham theater. The company was called the "Virginia Minstrels" and was made up by Dan Emmet, Frank Brower, Billy Whitlock and Dick Pelham. The entertainment met with astonishing success. It was repeated subsequently at the Bowery amphitheater and at the Park Theater, and in 1842 the company started on its tour, with G. B. Woodbridge at its head, went to England.

In London it performed for six weeks at the Adelphi in connection with Professor Anderson, then known as "the wizard of the north." A misunderstanding arising, a second company was organized by Pelham and Whitlock in connection with Joe Sweeney, and it traveled through Ireland and Scotland with success.

Another company, called the "Ring and Parker Minstrels from Boston," now came along, and while in Liverpool one of the members introduced the character Lucy Long, which became immediately popular.

Simultaneously minstrel companies were being organized in nearly all the American cities, and on the return home of these two organizations they not only found plenty of rivalry, but much improvement on their plan.

Now followed in notable form the "Kentucky Minstrels," the "Congo Melodists" and "Buckley's Serenaders." Then was organized the famous Christy's, consisting of E. P. Christy, George N. Christy, L. Durand and T. Vaughn.

George, who afterward became the leader and was the joyous spirit of the show, had previously appeared at the old Eagle street theater, in Buffalo, in 1839, and in 1842 the company started on its existence in the same city in a hall on Water street. George Christy was "bones" and Lansing Durand was "tambo." It is asserted that George was the original Lucy Long, the first to do the "wench business." He also made a hit as Cuchuca.

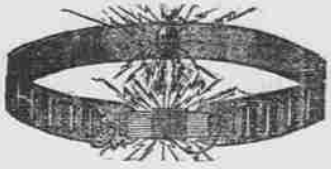
The first appearance of the company in New York was at the Palma Opera House, in Chambers street. After various visits to other localities, it finally settled at 478 Broadway, in 1847, where it remained 11 years. George finally withdrew from the care of his foster father, E. P. Christy, and with Harry Wood opened another hall at 444 Broadway, and a year later the original party went to California and George became master of the situation.

After several years of great success Messrs. Wood and Christy opened the Fifth Avenue Opera House, in Twenty-fourth street. Christy's last appearance on the stage was with Hood's minstrels, in Brooklyn, on May 2, 1867. He died on May 12 at his home and was buried from Trinity chapel three days later. His body is in Cypress Hills cemetery.—New York Herald.

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